

CALIFORNIA GENERAL ELECTION

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KATHY'S PICS

Orange County Voting Recommendations from conservative, Kathy Dittner

Kathy's Pics can be viewed on Robyn Norrell's

Conservative California Election site: <https://robbynordell.com/county/orange/>

About Kathy: I am a Christian conservative who spends many hours researching candidates and issues. I have been involved in politics since being elected to the Orange County Central Committee in 1992. My "Pics" reflect a Biblical world view that is pro-life, pro-family, pro-constitution, pro-choice in education, as well as a view that supports decentralized and limited government in both size and spending. I generally do not recommend anyone from the Democrat Party as it does not reflect the values and issues I support.

VOTE EARLY AND IN PERSON.

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I have chosen candidates who best reflect my values. They have at least one: pro-life, pro-marriage, pro-liberty, conservative, endorsed by the California Republican Assembly (CRA), or recommended by Craig Huey's Voter Guide.

President of the United States.

Donald Trump. What can I say!

Donald Trump did Make America Great from 2016-2020! Weren't you better off than you are today? Didn't you have more freedom to live your life without being persecuted for your beliefs and political positions? He was the most pro-life President ever and the 1st President to speak in person at the March for Life in Washington.

He controlled the border, built as much of the wall as he could, cut taxes, created jobs, reduced inflation, established the Abrahamic Accords, moved our embassy to Jerusalem, restored our energy independence (remember when gas prices were \$2.84?), created jobs for everyone, and appointed conservative, pro-life Supreme Court Justices. How about no wars? We felt safe and secure from our enemies. This term, he has promised to remove the Deep State's corruption in the FBI and Attorney General's office. He wants to protect our children from the transgender movement. He will restore the military, our borders, and respect from every nation. Trump's movement is called "America First" so you can trust that he is not a globalist, nor is he afraid that climate change will cause the end of the world. He will not support digital currency or spying on American citizens.

But no, he did not morph into a sweet, gentle, soft-spoken man without flaws and a sinful past. The Bible says, "all have fallen and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:22-24. So "those without sin, cast the first stone" John 8:3-8.

He has persevered through unprecedented persecution by The Deep State to slander, malign, lie, abuse, unjustly prosecute, indict his family, and strip him of his protected rights as a former President. In addition to all the persecution, two tried to stop him by assassination! I believe the Deep State, particularly the FBI and Secret Service, were behind the attempted assassination, allowing or looking away as a 20-year-old surveyed the area with a drone, walked in with a rifle, and allowed to set up his attack on an unprotected roof. Dozens of people saw him on the roof, but this information did not get to the SS, and they let Trump walk out and get shot.

The second attempt was another failure of SS to protect the perimeter of Trump's golf course.

I believe God is preserving his life and has chosen him for such a time as this!

NOTE: There are two U.S. Senate races on ballot, but both are for the same seat. This is to replace Senator Diane Feinstein, who passed away Sept. 2023. One is to finish her term and the other is for a full 6-year term (to begin Jan. 2025).

United States Senator: Steve Garvey

United States Senator, Partial/Unexpired Term: Steve Garvey

Representative in Congress:

40th District: *Young Kim.* My district! Kim is the best for the job, but not as conservative as I would like.

45th District: *Michell Steel.* She is conservative and needs to be returned to Congress. The Democrats are working overtime to defeat our O.C. Republicans.

47th District: *Scott Baugh.* I have recommended him in past elections. Wonderful conservative who I served with during my years on the Central Committee.

49th District: *Matt Gunderson.* I have not recommended Matt because of some of his liberal views in past elections. Now, I must choose the Republican candidate and recommend him over a very liberal Democrat, Mike Levin. President Trump needs a Republican Congress.

State Senator

37th District: *Steven Choi.* Steven Choi has been involved in OC politics for over 25 yrs and has always been a solid conservative vote.

Member of the Assembly

71st District: *"Kate" Kathryn Sanchez.* This is my district, and Kate did well in her first term, has voted as a solid conservative, and deserves a second term.

72nd District. *Diane Dixon.*

73rd District: *Scott Peotter.* He meets all my requirements for office.

74th District: *Laurie Davis.*

Orange County Offices

County Supervisor: No candidate for this election.

School District

Saddleback Valley Unified School District

Trustee Area 2: *Scott Miller*. He is a conservative parent, and currently serves Laguna Hills as a City Planning Commissioner, is a former Marine, and former Mayor. Miller is one that believes parents are the solution not the problem.

Trustee Area 3: *Michelle O'Brien*. I know Michelle personally and believe she supports parental rights. She also supports transparency in curriculum and school choice. She is a member of our local conservative Saddleback Republican Assembly and is a patriot. Both of her children and grandchild attended SVUSD schools. She has lived in Mission Viejo for 30+ years and is running against Suzie Swartz, a liberal 24-year+ board member. Suzie needs to go!

Trustee Area 4: *Michael Stannard*. He a businessman serving as a Planning Commissioner for Lake Forest. Michael supports parental rights, family values, and school choice.

Capistrano Unified School District

I agree with Nancy's Picks Comments: "All 4 candidates support putting students first and recognize parents are the ultimate authority (not the government) over their children. All believe in classic education, without any indoctrination of liberal, progressive, far-left agendas. Capistrano needs a basic overhaul! Let's bring some sanity back to the School Board. I highly recommend these 4 women!"

Trustee Area 1: *Jennifer Adams*.

Trustee Area 2: *Lisa Zollinger*.

Trustee Area 3: *Lisa Davis*.

Trustee Area 5: *Sonia Terwiske*.

South Orange County College

Trustee Area 1: *Katherine Daigle*.

Trustee Area 3: *Lisa Barlett*.

Trustee Area 6: *Michael Franklin*.

Trustee Area 7: *Carl J. David*.

Water Districts

Moulton Niguel Water District

Director 1 Duane Cave

Director 2 Brian Probolsky

Rancho Santa Margarita Water District

Division 3 Gretha Solórzano

City Councils

Mission Viejo No election until 2026

Rancho Santa Margarita

Mayor: Tony Beall

District 3: Carol Cambell

Lake Forest incumbents unopposed. Yes, for all.

Laguna Hills

Jared Mathis

Don Caskey

Laguna Woods All four candidates are Democrats so I cannot support any of the candidates.

Aliso Viejo

District 1: Tim Zandbergen

District 5: Mike Munzing

Laguna Niguel incumbents unopposed. Yes, for all.

San Juan Capistrano

District 1: Jesse "Chip" Nelson

Dana Point incumbents unopposed. A Libertarian and Democrat. No recommendations.

San Clemente

District 3: Lois McNicoll

District 4: Zhen Wu

Statewide Ballot Measures

"Bonds are borrowed money that must be paid back, plus interest, even if that means cutting vital programs to do it." - Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association.

Proverbs 22:7 - "The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the servant to the lender."

In principle, I don't believe bonds (new taxes) are the best way to raise revenues. Balance the state budget!

Proposition 2. NO! A Bond that authorizes California to borrow \$10 BILLION for construction and repair of public schools and community colleges.

Voters rejected Prop. 13 in 2020 - a \$15B school bond. Let's do the same in 2024!

The State is coming at us again - this time for \$10B *plus* another \$8B in interest over 30 years! California already has \$109B in outstanding and unissued bonds as well as \$200B of unfunded pension liabilities and pension medical benefits.

Don't fall for the same old rhetoric "we need billions more to fix leaky roofs, unsafe drinking water, mold and asbestos and lead paint." The schools get 40% of the state budget but it never goes for the children. The Teachers Union gets most of that and then local schools then put bonds on the ballot for updating school facilities by taxing your property. That sounds like double jeopardy! Instead of always wanting money that never goes to fix anything, The State is now including funds for building housing for teachers.

CA schools are in the lowest percentile of all school districts in the nation ranking in the bottom 10. Let's spend our money on our children! Get back to teaching reading, writing, math, science and citizenship. No new taxes!

Proposition 3. NO! Repeals Prop. 8 and establishes the right to marry anyone.

This amends California's Constitution and will remove Prop. 8's language stating that marriage is only between a man and a woman and replace it with marriage to *any person*. This harmful measure could risk the civil rights of children and even open the door to child brides, incest, and polygamy (marriage between more than two people). **Genesis 1: 27, 28** states that "marriage is between a man and woman for the purpose of multiplying and filling the earth." **Vote NO on Prop. 3.**

Proposition 4. NO! Another reckless \$10 BILLION Bond measure for [unprovable] climate programs.

But wait! Don't they say this is for safe drinking water and wildfire prevention, as well as protecting natural lands from climate change? This bond could have been averted 2 years ago by paying for it from the General Fund when we had a \$100B surplus. Forest management and water supply have been neglected and mismanaged resulting in increased wildfires and water shortages. Prop. 4 does not solve the problem. **Vote NO.**

Proposition 5. NO! Local bond measure that would lower the voter threshold from 66+% to 55% (in our constitution since 1879) to fund low-cost housing and public infrastructure. That is a direct hit to the Property Tax Protection of Prop. 13.

Why would you vote for a lower approval rate so that the state government can pass the costs of state programs to local taxpayers more easily? The state government hopes to quickly pile on billions in new taxes and debt, so you could see your property taxes shoot up right away. They want us to pay for low-cost housing and other infrastructure with higher property taxes. You will have to accept higher property taxes, higher rent, higher costs to farmers and businesses. Consumers would be hit with higher prices on everything from food to gas to utilities and services. Californians already have the highest cost of living in the nation. The state government has been spending your money for free health care, education, and food for illegal immigrants. Newsom has spent billions on the homeless, free abortions for all Medi-Cal patients, and free abortion pills in California State Universities. California has more state and local debt than any other state, now more than \$500 billion! Because of wasteful spending, they turned \$100 billion surplus into a \$73 billion debt in two years!

Beware of the fine print of this measure. It would make Prop. 5 *retroactive*. Any other bond passed this Nov. ballot (we have Prop. 2 and 4 on the ballot) would only need the lower vote total to pass. Don't be the next family that needs to move out of California. **Vote NO.**

Proposition 6. NO! A Constitutional Amendment that will eliminate the state's requirement for criminals (not "incarcerated persons") to work. Prisoners will also be allowed to unionize, and demand pay raises from taxpayers.

It costs Californian taxpayers \$133,000 per year per prisoner and only one-third of them work now. Most of the jobs they do are cleaning their cells and common area, laundry, food preparation and other tasks to run the prisons. If Prop. 6 passes, taxpayers will have to pay more for criminals to voluntarily do these tasks. Meanwhile, those that choose not to work can spend more time working out, selling drugs, and participating in prison gang activities. Since thieves are no longer incarcerated, hardened criminals are left to threaten, intimidate, and harm other prisoners.

The Democrat Party of CA and the Liberal American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) supports Prop. 6. **Vote No!**

Thess. 3:10 "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

Proposition 32. NO! Another minimum wage increase to \$18 per hour. One leftist, progressive multi-millionaire, Joe Sanberg, bankrolled this initiative:

<https://www.joesanberg.com/advocacy>

It would make California minimum wage the highest in the nation by almost \$2! State law already has a higher wage - \$20+ for many workers in fast food. Inflation has caused fast food prices to go up 7% in six months. Small business, the backbone of the middle class, will be forced to shut down costing jobs to the most vulnerable workers. Many leading voices for working families and voices for a higher minimum wage urged Sanberg to pull Prop 32. He refused! This bill will cost the state and local government billions of dollars each year.

Proposition 33. NO! Increases the ability of local government to pass rent control laws while restricting private property rights.

Here we go again for the third time. 60% of California voters rejected the same rent control measure in 2018 and 2020. Some of the reasons to vote NO AGAIN:

- It will make the housing crisis worse by limiting the amount of new affordable housing.
- It will make it more difficult to own a home or find a decent place to rent.
- It provides no protection for seniors, veterans, or the disabled.

Some of the supporters: The California Democratic Party, Housing is a Human Right, and American Federation of Teachers (AFT).

Proposition 34. YES! Requires health care providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug programs on direct patient care.

- It saves taxpayers millions of dollars every year.
- Prevents legal loopholes for corporations from diverting money to fund political campaigns, housing projects and giving executives multi-million-dollar salaries.
- Holds healthcare providers accountable for spending 98% on direct patient care or losing their tax-exempt status and professional license.

Proposition 35. NO! Permanently authorizes a tax on managed care organizations to fund Medi-Cal programs.

No tax should be permanent for any organization that is paid for by taxpayers, including Medi-Cal. A better solution can be arranged to provide more funds for Medi-Cal.

Proposition 36. YES! Allows tougher laws to Make Our Communities Safer and Punish Repeat Criminals.

This will make the justice system fair for everyone and hold criminals accountable for their crimes, while helping drug addicts get necessary treatment.

Ten years ago, Prop. 47 was passed to supposedly lower prison population by reducing felony theft and drug crimes to misdemeanors. How has that worked out? "Smash-and-grab" crimes have exploded. Fentanyl trafficking kills more people than car accidents. There are no serious consequences and thieves are arrested and let go or not arrested at all. Businesses have had to close or move. Prop. 47 instituted DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) into the decision of who to arrest. As a result, it punishes the victims instead of the thief because of their racial ethnicity. I think DEI should be named (divisiveness, exclusion, and indoctrination). There should be equal justice for all under our Constitution. **Vote YES.**

City Ballot Measures

Mission Viejo - Measure Y. NO! Municipal Tax on Hotels increasing from 8%-12%

Mission Viejo voters will consider an increase to the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) charged to out-of-town guests staying at the city's hotels and short-term rentals.

In principle, cities should not be involved in supporting tax hikes. Assessment taxes should not be raised 50% for hotels and short-term rentals to help our budget. It will drive customers to nearby cities, thus making it harder to make a profit in Mission Viejo.

Mission Viejo is a low crime city and should not need to raise money to pay for the Police Department. Yes, we the taxpayers of Mission Viejo are not paying this tax, but travelers, family members and Olympic guests will! Vote No!

Note: the average rate in Orange County is 10%. There are only five cities with a 12%+ tax: La Palma, Buena Park, Laguna Beach, Seal Beach, and Staton. All our immediate neighboring cities are 10% and five cities with an 8% rate.

San Clemente - Ballot Measure BB. NO! 1/2% sales tax for replacing beach sand.

NO! Mismanagement of funds for the city's hill and land development should not be passed on as an extra burden to taxpayers.

Dana Point - Ballot Measure T. You decide! Shall residents change the 2023 ordinance or keep it?

Yes vote: Reduce Short Term Rentals (STR) by 50%. Requires permits to be given annually. Changes require an election with a vote of the people and the California Coastal Commission.

No vote: Short term rentals occupancy tax will be reduced from \$725,000 to \$450,000. The annual permit lottery will create uncertainty for owners and eliminate advanced bookings. The City Council can change the ordinance at any time and is required to review it every 3 years.

Finally. I leave you with a wisdom thought for this election.

Ecclesiastes 10:2 NASB

“A wise man’s heart directs him towards the right, but the foolish man’s heart directs him towards the left”.

God bless,

Kathy Dittner

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